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Natural Gas Cathodic Protection Station Proposed on Kofa National Wildlife Refuge - Draft Environmental Assessment and Draft Compatibility Determination Available for Public Review

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering a proposal from the El Paso Corporation regarding the installation, operation and maintenance of a new cathodic protection station to be located on the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge. The project would require a new right-of-way approximately 2 acres in size. It would be located adjacent to the existing natural gas pipeline corridor that passes east-west through the northern end of Kofa. The project is known as Cathodic Protection Station No. 1585.

The purpose of the project is to provide corrosion protection for three existing high pressure natural gas pipelines in accordance with U. S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) regulations. El Paso Corporation states the installation of this cathodic protection station is needed to maintain safe, reliable, and cost-effective natural gas transportation to the communities served by the pipelines as well as to conform to the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2006 and USDOT regulations.

A draft Environmental Assessment and a draft Compatibility Determination have been prepared and are available for review and comment. All interested parties are encouraged to provide input by identifying concerns, potential impacts, and possible alternatives. The comment period begins November 2, 2010 and runs through December 2, 2010.

Comments should be submitted in writing to the email address at mitch_ellis@fws.gov or to the mailing address at 9300 E 28th Street, Yuma, Arizona 85365. A copy of the draft Environmental Assessment and the draft Compatibility Determination is available by visiting: www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/arizona/kofa.

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